

ENCOUNTERING A BOMB.

Miraculous Escape of President Barrios, of Guatemala.

As Related in a Letter to Mr. Jacob Baiz, United States Consul—A Well Planned Scheme that Failed Its Purpose.

New York, May 19.—The following account of the recent attempt upon the life of President Barrios has been received in this city by Mr. Jacob Baiz, Consul of Guatemala to the United States. The writer is thoroughly reliable and well informed citizen of that country:

"On Sunday, the 13th, after 7:30 p. m., the President went forth for a promenade about the Alameda Del Quatro, in company with Mr. Barrundia. There being a performance in the theater that evening, the surroundings were almost deserted, everybody having gone into the building. At about 8 o'clock President Barrios and General Barrundia entered the park surrounding the theater through the first of the two gates looking to the west. They turned to the right, and, following the walk, went to their accustomed promenade about the little space, which is encircled by masonry seals surmounted by a kind of balustrade also of masonry and of a moderate height over which the people going to and fro on the walks about the building can be seen from the street beyond. The moon had not yet risen. The President was on Barrundia's right, and no one else was in the immediate neighborhood, either in front of or behind them. On reaching the southeastern corner the President perceived to his right, at a distance of a yard and less from his feet, right by the balustrade, something burning. No sooner was his attention directed to the same than both he and his companion were enveloped by the glare of a tremendous explosion, the report of which was as loud as the booming of a cannon and was heard at a long distance from the city. President Barrios readily comprehended the situation notwithstanding the surprise caused by the attack so unexpected and villainous, and by the severe shock to his person by the blows received on his legs and stomach, he preserved his usual composure and bravery, and seizing his revolver, prepared himself to resist any personal attack by assassins, if they should attempt to finish their deadly work. No further attack followed, however. Gen. Barrios received a terrible shock from the fragments of the bomb, which struck flat against his legs and stomach. Barrundia suffered less, and that both escaped death is attributable to the circumstance to their being so near the bomb, and receiving its pieces flat instead of edgewise.

"Santos Soto, who is about fifty-two years of age is a saloon-keeper, and a man of very bad repute. He is suspected of the murderous attempt. He took part in the conspiracy of November, 1877, and was generously pardoned by General Barrios. From confessions of his sons, it appears that on Monday, April 7, Santos Soto, in his own house, charged the bomb with coarse powder, putting in pieces of iron and many hollow bullets. Eight of the latter have been found to be filled with arsenic, about three grains in each. It also appears that Santos Soto, at half past seven, p. m. on the 20th, took the bomb from his dwelling, about one block below the theater, to his saloon. He then commissioned his son Jesus to place it in the southeastern angle of the sidewalk surrounding the theater. The bomb, it is ascertained, had a powder fuse attached from four to six inches long, provided on its end with a percussion cap to be exploded by the fall of a one pound lead ball hanging on a thin hempen string held by an iron hook inserted in the moldings of the stone seals. The string was pulled by Soto who was in hiding behind a pillar near the door of the theater at the distance of sixty-six yards from the bomb. The accused are now undergoing trial."

LABOR TROUBLES.

Threat to Discharge Free Whites and Replace Them by Black Convicts.

CARRERSVILLE, Ga., May 19.—Serious trouble is reported at the Rising Fawn furnace, owned largely by Senator Brown, who is discharging his free white laborers and filling their places with negro convicts. When Capt. W. D. Grant recently sold out his lease of a portion of the convicts Senator Brown purchased about seventy-five he had under his former lease at the coal mines and a day or two ago notices were posted at the iron works to the effect that in a few days the free laborers would be discharged and their places filled by convicts. The free laborers are greatly excited, and some of them are said to be counseling resistance by force. They affirm that their discharge comes upon them unprepared, and subjects them and their families to enforced idleness and hardship, at a very critical season of the year. They have sent a protest to Senator Brown, detailing their grievances, and waiting his reply. The men have been informed that if they resist the employment of convicts, the whole power of the State will be used against them, and this but enrages them the more.

STORMS IN THE WEST.

Train Wrecked at a Washout and Seventy-five Cattle Killed.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 19.—A water-spout washed away the track on the Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific roads south and west of here yesterday. On the former road 150 feet were washed away. Seven cars loaded with cattle and the engine and tender went into the river, being completely wrecked. Seventy cattle were killed. The track was covered in places with water from two to five feet deep.

On the Union Pacific rail fell to a depth of two inches and three-quarters of a mile of track was washed away. A bridge was carried away further west. All trains are delayed. Rain was heavy here but no damage is reported to crops.

Senator Anthony to Resign. WASHINGTON, May 19.—It was stated last night upon what is said to be excellent authority, that Senator Anthony will resign his seat in the Senate next week, or at the latest the week following. His health is assigned as the cause of the step contemplated by him.

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